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Village swears in new trustees, thanks Foster and Kubasta



New trustees Mary Kay Krings and Brian Miller being sworn in by the board.

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The Village of Winneconne saw the passing of a few trustee torches at its regular meeting on April 15. Brenda Kubasta and Steve Foster completed their most recent terms on the village board, both having served six years—two full terms. Kubasta stepped down, and Foster ran for another term, losing by less than 10 votes

which spurred a recount, though those ultimately earning seats remained unchanged. Kubasta and Foster were presented with plaques from Village Administrator Logan Fuller, who thanked them for their dedication to Winneconne and outlined their significant contributions. Upon board reorganization, incom-

ing trustees Brian Miller and Mary Kay Krings were sworn in and took their seats. Miller will serve on the Public Works Committee, the Public Safety Committee and chair the Historic Preservation Committee. Krings will serve on the Personnel & Finance Committee, the Parks Committee and chair the Cemetery Board. In committee reports, the Beautification Committee announced the date for the official bridge lighting, which will be Thursday, May 22 along with new winter banners in the design phase. Fire Chief Kevin Allcox reported that of the seven individuals who began EMS education training, five will complete the process in the next few weeks. The station will also offer a tour of its facilities to all board members of the municipalities it serves on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Historic Preservation announced that June 7 will be the unveiling of the state historical signage at Pioneer Cemetery, with a community event set to take place.

The public library reports a 13.4% increase in its circulation: the second highest increase of the five public libraries in Winnebago County. Police Chief Ben Sauriol shared that the Winneconne Police Department is now fully accredited through the

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Winneconne's Macy Dodd crowned Fairest of the Fair

Winneconne's Macy Dodd has been named the 2025 Winnebago County Fairest of the Fair. Dodd was crowned on April 12. Dodd is a 2024 graduate of Winneconne High School and currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where she is studying fisheries and aquatic sciences. This fall, Macy will be transferring to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh where she will be switching her studies to marketing and communications. Dodd has been involved in 4-H since third grade, showing rabbits, poultry, and photography at the Winnebago County Fair. Photography is a true passion of Dodd's, and she is currently



Outgoing Fairest of the Fair, Lexi Novak with newly crowned Fairest of the Fair, Macy Dodd.

working on building her own business through Instagram. In 2022, Dodd had the honor of serving as the 54th Miss Rural Winnebago, where she advocated for farmers, agriculture, and the rural community. Dodd views the fair as a place where people from all walks of life can feel welcome and find a hobby or interest that is important to them, and is excited to show that the Winnebago County Fair has so much more to offer than the community might realize. The 2025 event marks 170 years of the Winnebago County Fair in Oshkosh. The fair will run July 30 to Aug. 3 and the entire community is invited to enjoy this great, summer tradition.

Town engages in discussion on EMS agreement

Annual meeting conducted
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The Town of Winneconne conducted a brief Annual Meeting during its monthly assembly on April 17. Town Chairman Eric Lang highlighted a "good year of growth" for the town in 2024, with 13 new homes and 125 permits pulled as compared to nine new homes in 2023. The town board remains fixed for 2025 with board appointments to include:

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Village Board

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Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. This accreditation raises the department’s standards of practice and was a two-year process to accomplish. He also reported that he hopes to return ‘cookouts with the cops’ this summer and has applied for a grant to install flashing crosswalk signs at four high risk locations in the village.

Administrator Fuller reported that the completion of homes in Wolf Run Estates is on track to meet its spring 2027 target. It will then move into phase II of the development, which is the construction of side-by-side duplexes behind Klein Ford on Eric Hoffman owned land. Fuller also noted 40 permits being pulled in the last few months in the village; no real updates in the intergovernmental agreement on ambulances services; and a tentative May 15 community Q&A meeting.

In other business, the board approved a conditional use permit to John Simon- a taxidermy business at 125 S. 7th Ave. and awarded the bid to Jossart Brothers Construction for 6th Ave. sanitary and asphalt work along with asphalt work on Adams St.

Lastly, a letter was presented to the board by village resident and business owner Andy Beiser discussing his concerns with the delays involved in permitting Kat’s Kafe coffee truck, which desires placement on Beiser Realty property. Beiser asked for a special meeting to move the coffee truck through, after discussion was removed from the April 15 agenda. Trustee Josh Janikowski motioned for a special meeting, which was approved with a majority vote.



Outgoing village trustees Steve Foster and Brenda Kubasta.

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EMS Agreement

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Rivermoor Sanitary District: Eric Lang, Earl Peterson, Russ Van Gompel
Board of Appeals: Dale Watson and Howard Linson
Plan Commission: Dale Burghardt and Van Gompel
Superintendent of Highways: Dave Black
Zoning Administrator: Katie Harter
Weed Commissioner: Lang
Police & Fire: Burghardt and Ryan Koch
Health & Safety: Koch and Peterson
Town Hall Coordinator: Lang

Closing the Annual Meeting, there was a meaty monthly agenda, with the item capturing the greatest discussion being the ongoing consideration of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for ambulance/EMS services with nine other area municipalities. A new IGA could potentially replace the current contract with Oshkosh Fire.

Van Gompel spoke first on the IGA’s most recent draft, expressing “heartburn over Addendum A [facilities]. How will these facilities be paid for? There’s a draft here but it doesn’t show what these costs are and how they’ll be allocated.”

Burghardt indicated he “won’t be comfortable until Addendum A is fleshed out.”

Dana Woods, clerk for the Town of Omro and spearheading the effort stated, “Addendum A can’t be fleshed out until the IGA is formed. We don’t know how many facilities we’ll need and where they will be placed, so right now we cannot determine that cost until the agreement is executed.”

During the discussion, Supervisor Koch noted that there’s been a 100-percent change in Oshkosh with both the city manager and fire chief. “[Let’s] find out if they are willing to negotiate a price and maybe go into an IGA with them. I for one do not see this being any cheaper, and having experience in both private and professional EMS, there is no comparison in the service. Maybe response times are shorter in some cases but the level of service we’d be getting is nowhere near where we are at right now.”

Seven municipalities have signed-on to the IGA at this point-- Black Wolf, Nekimi, Town of Omro, Rushford, Utica, the City of Omro, and Poygan. The Village of Winneconne, Town of Winneconne, and the Town of Algoma have not.

The town motioned to approve an attorney’s review of the IGA agreement, with no timeline set. The next meeting of the municipalities involved is set for April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Town of Omro.

In other business, Town Clerk Yvonne Zabel reports that assessors will visit the town in November to discuss how the incoming cell tower might affect property values.

There was discussion on the Indian Shores boat launch. County Supervisor Doug Nelson indicates Winnebago County might have excess ARPA/Spirit Funds to make permanent repairs to the launch; the town currently utilizes cement runners for access at Indian Shores.

While some supervisors felt the launch to be too shallow to successfully make a permanent concrete repair (stop annual heaving) Supervisor Russ Van Gompel countered, “We used ARPA monies to improve the

Butte des Morts launch for residents to the north, to be fair to all town residents, we should explore what the cost and parameters to improve theirs might be, especially if Spirit/ARPA funds remain.”

“The southern part of the township might like to see improvements too if they are looking to get rid of money,” said Supervisor Ryan Koch.

Lang will pursue a cost analysis study with Supervisor Nelson and the county on the Indian Shores and Rivermoor Rd. boat launches. He will also request a quote from Ratdke for annual placement/removal of the concrete runners (versus permanent placement and need for annual repairs).

After a recent Winneconne Fire District audit, Fire Chief Allcox discovered the 2% fire dues paid by his three municipalities are now becoming too large a portion of the fire district’s budget. This year, the total reached \$42,000, which can only be spent on certain items as indicated by the state. This year there may be a \$10 -\$15,000 surplus and Chief Allcox does not wish to relinquish those dollars. Funneling the overflow to a special account(s) held by the fire district for future truck purchases is allowed, an approach which will be discussed with all municipalities at the next Fire Commission meeting,

Stray animals were also on the agenda. The town’s contracted police service—the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department—will not deal with strays. The town’s police chief previously helped manage the issue. As it is unclear what the town’s obligation is to catch stray, domestic animals, the board will consult with its attorney.

Live cam available for viewing the Winneconne Bridge



A view from the live cam on April 16 as it scans the fishing piers and water in front of the Wolf River Resorts and Fin 'n' Feather.

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Wolf River Resorts (WRR) has installed a 24/7, 365 live camera that now provides views of the river, fishing action, weather in Winneconne and even the swooping eagles for those who are curious about the village and wish to tune in.
“This is just another way for people to check out what’s going on for fishing and the like in the village,” said WWR owner Doug Nelson. “Beyond that, you can stand out on the docks and wave to your friends in California, watch the 4th of July fireworks, and even catch a view of the official Bridge Lighting on May 22.
There is a link to the camera on the WWR’s Facebook page, but it can also be accessed at <https://www.ipcamlive.com/633f81d3bf9da>.

On the day we took a screenshot of the camera action (April 16) the fishing piers had a healthy amount of visitors with calm winds and the sun shining down nicely.



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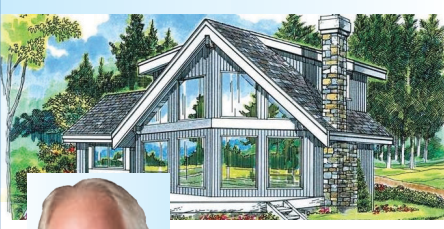
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Chez's Crafts & Crap delivers pop-up shopping delights

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One of Winneconne Chamber's newest members—*Chez's Crafts & Crap*—delivers a casual and unique shopping experience that “pops up” a few times a week at 113 Grant St. here in the village.

Ceasarea Fay, shop creator/manager and the artist behind several of the distinctive goods found inside, describes the little shop as a “space where individuals like me can share that same joy and showcase items made by hand by real people.”

Fay describes how the adventure started four years ago on her Facebook page.



News Photo
The sign directing you to Chez's Crafts & Crap.

“[I started] making custom orders to save up for maternity leave as a little cushion. Little did I know just before my daughter was born my significant other and father to our daughter would tragically pass leaving so many unknowns. Creating custom work then began being a means of income and guidance through my grief and all of the unexpected obstacles to follow.”

Chez's Crafts & Crap features an array of artists, all local to the greater Winneconne area, with talents in jewelry, soap, candle and craft making

along with wood crafts, watercolor paintings, leather goods, and even tallow-based skin care products.

“Everything here is handmade by locals,” said Fay. “I’ve selected a few incredible people whose products I personally love and use. Everything I make is recycled, repurposed, well... someone’s junk! One man’s trash is a Midwestern girl’s treasure.”

In addition to finding Fay at her pop-up shop—she's usually open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 5 or 7 pm—she displays items periodically at Compass Boutique on Main St. and will do custom projects upon request.

"I've made a desk and displays for Compass Boutique and I'm also looking to expand what we carry wholesale and our consignment opportunities. We have an application on our website and a video of how to apply as well," she said.

To learn more, visit craftsncrap.com or visit Chez's Crafts n Crap on Facebook.



Ceasarea Fay inside her home-based pop-up shop.

Waterfest concert series marks 39 seasons of music

Oshkosh's summer music series at the Leach Amphitheater has locked in its 2025 lineup with a fresh mix of headliners along with returning bands who will launch the 39th season of the Thursday night community concerts.

Loverboy, a multiplatinum-selling rock band was recently announced to headline Waterfest's Aug. 14 lineup.

Waterfest organizer Mike Dempsey said the music series was initiated in 1986 as a catalyst for economic development and that continues to be its core purpose.

“Then and now it celebrates the quality of life we enjoy in Oshkosh and surrounding areas by accentuating our most defining natural resource – our historic Winnebago waterways,” Dempsey stated.

“People who have not been for a while are amazed at the Riverwalk, the music scene, beer gardens and outdoor dining opportunities, the residential offerings and university assets.”

Waterfest 2025 begins June 12 with longtime season opener Hairball and its Bombastic Salute to '80s Arena Rock.

The next week, boogie blues rocker George Thorogood & The Destroyers brings their Baddest Show on Earth Tour to the Leach on June 19, and Australian Latin rockers The Cat Empire headlines on June 26.

June's opening acts include Akron-based The Michael Weber Show and state-based bands Copper Box, The Pocket Kings, Jay Edward Band, Brett Newski & The Bad Intentions, and Kate Voss & The Hot Sauce.

July and August combine for five

more musical evenings featuring roadhouse rocker Marcia Ball on July 10 joined by blues rockers The Jimmys. New Orleans-based Alex McMurray Band with Paul Sanchez and Rising Phoenix will open. The July 19 concert features Big Bad Voodoo Daddy along with Atlanta's alt country Cigar Store Indians and Fox Menagerie.

Additional shows include 1980s pop stars The Producers, an Earth Wind and Fire touring tribute performance of Shining Star, Vic Ferrari's Encore Performance, Rose Canyon Band and the return of the all-original Twistin' Egyptians.

Reserved area and general admission season passes and tickets for individual shows are on sale with more information at waterfest.org. Waterfest sponsorships and group sales are also available.

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Obituaries

Gerald Robert Buech
Gerald R. Buech passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Born June 3, 1940, to Robert F. and Regina (Dygowski) Buech in Milwaukee.



Gerald was known as Jerry or Butch to family.

He lived his childhood in Milwaukee and his adult life in Menasha, summers throughout his life were spent in Poygan – southside of Lake Poygan. After graduating from Marquette HS in Milwaukee in 1958, Gerald attended one year at Marquette University; he then enlisted in the US Army completing service, 1959-62, as a Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of training and ceremonial etiquette. Following his military service, he began employment with American National Can Co.,1962-1997; exercising his talent with numbers and precision, Gerald completed his trades degree as a journeyman machinist and truly enjoyed his career – he was good at it! Retiring in 1997 at the age of 57 allowed plenty of time for adventures in which he took full advantage.

Gerald met the love of his life, Nancy A. Kohanski, in 1955; they were 14 and 15 years old, “summer sweethearts”, “cottage kids” - and had many years of good times on Lake Poygan. Gerald and Nancy were married in 1962, just a few months before he completed his military service. They established their

home in Menasha. Together they raised three daughters: Lori, Chris, and Amy. Continuing a generational tradition, they purchased a cottage on Lake Poygan in 1971 and spent summers fishing and enjoying lake life.

Enjoying life for Gerald included: his precious Lab, Molly; fishing, pheasant and deer hunting, traveling, reading – especially history, smoking cigars, and spending time with family and friends! Family was so important to him, and he expressed it deeply in recent times. He was grateful for his time on earth and felt very blessed – “The Man upstairs has been good to me” he said often.

Gerald was often referred to a “walking encyclopedia” in the home; he knew a little (often a lot) about everything; patience was a must if you asked a question because he never gave a short answer! He was well read, good common sense, and experienced solving most problems and fixing things. He shared his talent, and if you were willing to listen and learn – he would teach you! Gerald was great at telling jokes – some good, some not-so-good, but he always managed to make people laugh. His buddies at the YMCA, his neighbors, even his caregivers this past year, knew he was never short of telling a good joke!

Gerald will be missed, but he leaves me (us) with love, strength, courage, and humor. “I LOVE you Dad!”

Gerald is survived by three daughters: Lori (Jim) Imlay, Chris (Steve) Brown, Amy Buech; 11 grandchildren: (Lori’s) Regina Pilot, Tobyn (Kaylie) Pilot, Alison Pilot, Ambrose Imlay, Joshua Imlay, Kal Imlay, Rachel Imlay; (Chris’s)

Gerad Lee, Joelle (Ryan) Jones; (Amy’s) Shaed Buech; eight great-grandchildren; as well as his siblings, Judy (Rich) Marchewka, Dave (Dee) Buech, Bob (Michelle) Buech, Rose (Jim) Luebke; sisters-in-law, Betty Mutza and Kathie Hinske; along with many nieces and nephews, extended family, neighbors and friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by parents, Robert and Regina Buech; in-laws, John and Helen Kohanski; sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and John Goska; brothers-in-law, Jerry Mutza and Dean Hinske.

A visitation will be on Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mueller Funeral Home, Winneconne. A service will be held at 3 p.m. with full military honors to follow.

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Sports

Winneconne girls basketball
recaps successful season



The Winneconne girls basketball team recently held their season awards banquet and celebrated individual and team accomplishments during the 2024-25 season. The team is pictured with their individual Academic All-State award certificates (left) and with the WIAA Division 3 regional championship plaque the team won.

High school students receiving academic honors this year were celebrated at Winneconne High School’s Academic Awards Night on April 9.

The Winneconne girls basketball team held its banquet celebrating the 2024-25 season recently.

The team finished 23-4 overall on the season and captured a WIAA Division 3 regional championship before falling to eventual state runner-up Xavier in the sectional semifinal round.

In addition to the success on the court, the team flourished in the classroom where the group finished with an impressive 3.895 team grade point average with every player being named

to the Academic All-State team.

All-conference players were recognized at the banquet with sophomores Grace Mitchell and Harper Neace each earning first-team honors on the all-East Central Conference lists, while junior Jada Kaiser was named to the second team. Freshman Ari Reetz was named to the conference’s all-Defensive Team.

Mitchell and Harper were named the co-MVP’s of the team, while Mitchell also picked up the team’s Alpha Award. Senior Millie Braman was named team captain.

Braman, who will continue her education at Vanderbilt University next

year, was the lone senior on the team as the squad returns 13 of the 14 players on the varsity roster next season.

Head coach Troy Buelow said the team wishes to thank the entire community for the support it received this season, as it was very much appreciated.

Prep Roundup

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ters, hurling a five-inning perfect game in the circle.

The Wolves needed just three innings to rack up a 16-1 win over Berlin on Tuesday, totaling nine walks to go along with seven hits in the game.

Jaidyn Haider was the only player with multiple hits in the game, finishing 2-for-2, while Mitchell totaled five RBIs in the game and Audra Schaffer added three. Claire Schaffer walked all three times she came to the plate and scored three runs.

Winneconne capped the week with a 9-6 win over Seymour in a game where the two teams combined for seven home runs. Thorpe and Jahnke each hit two home runs for the Wolves and finished with four RBIs apiece.

Jahnke finished 4-for-4 in the contest.

Youngbauer fanned seven to earn the win.

SOCCER

Winneconne remains unbeaten with a pair of wins

The Wolves improved to 6-0 on the season, posting a pair of wins last week.

Winneconne scored a pair of first-half goals and then held on to beat

Fond du Lac, 2-1, in a nonconference match on Thursday.

Jada Kaiser and Harper Neace figured into both goals in the win over the Cardinals. Neace finished a Kaiser cross for the first goal of the match, while Kaiser drilled a shot into the upper corner of the goal off a pass from Neace.

Fond du Lac scored early in the second half to pull within a goal but a strong defensive effort the rest of the way helped the Wolves secure the win.

In a 4-0 win over Waupun on Tuesday, Abbie Oleson notched a pair of goals and Neace added another as the Wolves scored a win in its ECC opener.

TRAP SHOOTING

Despite gusty conditions at the Wescot Sportsman club last Wednesday, Winneconne picked up a 224-205 win over Oakfield.

Brayden Christman led the way for the Wolves with a score of 48, which included a run of 25 straight targets. Troy Anderson followed with a score of 44, followed by Gus Reindl with a 44, Jacob Lytle with a 43 and Chase Stricker with a 42.

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How much time have you wasted on wishful thinking? “I wish I had someplace to go...I wish I was thinner... I wish I had a companion to spend time with... I wish someone would cook dinner for me... From the simple to the insane, the wasted cycle of wishful thinking can grab ahold of the best of us.

Is that pattern of wishful thinking simply not coming true for you? Then break it.

My late husband had a colorful saying regarding wishing. He used to joke, “Poop in one hand and wish in the other and see which one gets filled first.” How colorful, but how true; wishing doesn’t get the job done.



Lehr

In my “wish” to be thinner, maybe “doing something” would be a better plan. It’s like taking a daily walk; the hardest part is getting down the driveway. After I am on the road, I can walk forever, or at least around the block. It’s just that first, nasty “put it off for another day, maybe” step.

I know what it is like to be alone with nothing to do – and “wishing” for more out of life. Been there, done that. Maybe it was someone asking me to help or someone asking if I was interested in joining—but it was probably someone ASKING me. That ‘ask’ changed my “wishing” into something tangible. I started doing things.

Let me tell you, there are lots and lots of people wishing someone would ask them to be part of something.

Everyone has something to offer, so if you see someone sitting on the sidelines “wishing” to be included, ASK them. Hundreds of tasks can be found in almost any situation and people can feel

useful and needed.
In a “wishing” rut? It may not be someone asking you, but you asking them. It all depends on taking that first

step to reap the benefits.
Reach Jeanne at
genie6364@yahoo.com

Shallow Lakes Chronicles

Hunter or Cheapskate?

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

We get lured into the conversation instinctively, “Did you see the price of



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ground beef? You know what they’re getting for a fish fry now? You can hardly eat out anymore.” Just like when the doctor taps that patellar tendon, you fire back, “I know, right,” and the lengthy conversation ensues.

For us old guys, the stakes have really changed, and not just at the grocery or restaurant. The boat store, the camper dealer, the outdoor superstore, heck, even bait shop prices are bewildering. At

least three, four or five times what we remember paying in the “old days.”

I like to think I live an examined life, but just this morning, as if waking up from sleepwalking, I found myself in the driveway, in the rain, with a headlamp on, picking up nightcrawlers and dropping them in a once peanut butter container. I mentally walked up to tap myself on the back, “Hey buddy, are you alright? What are you doing?” I love sneaking up on myself like this.

No words were spoken (or that may really point to psychosis), but I said to me, “Have you see the price of nightcrawlers lately?” I quickly agreed with my logic.

There are but a few days in spring when you can simply go and pick up twenty bucks worth of bait right out your front door. Those first rains after the frost lets out of the ground are when you have to pounce at the opportunity. You have to beat the newly returned robins too. These days they’re up around 5 a.m. and if you’re out there after sunrise, well, the robins have already gotten the good ones.

I suppose it begs the question, “Do I need to be out there picking up bait when Critter is all too happy to help me out?” Certainly not, but who can turn down free bait?

In the back of my mind, it helps to justify all the money I throw at my sporting lifestyle. Also, there is something just a bit more satisfying when you slide a meaty, self-caught, Wisconsin grown crawler on your hook.

Besides a pail of bait, there are the intangibles. I think I heard (and maybe a few others): American Robins, Tufted Titmice, Nuthatches, Mourning Doves, a woodpecker, a few geese, and ducks. Even a stray cat had to check out what I was doing out there invading his turf. The Good Lord knows I could always use more exercise too, and “night crawler yoga” can only help.

I think we’ve done all the necessary math here. Whether you’re hunting game, fish, photos, or just memories, I think we can all agree that we are too rich to be cheapskates.Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com

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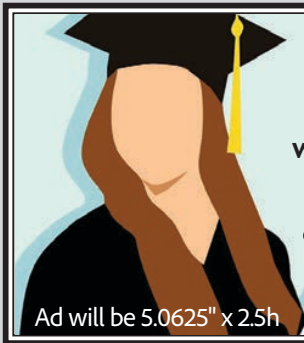
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& Fr. Ben Pribbenow
Deacon Paul Vidmar, Pastoral Coordinator
Thurs.: 2 pm - Stations of the Cross.
Sunday, April 27: 8:30 am - Mass w/ First Communion.
Mon: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 9 am - Huddle.
Wed: 7:30 am - LOW w/communion. 9 am to 3 pm - Staff Retreat.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
9077 North Road
Zittau
Pastor Tauna Roth
Sundays: 9 am - Worship.
Mondays: 10 am - Bible Study.

Lord of the Lakes
(ELCA) Church
6090 Harbour South
Winneconne
Pastor Kevin Heffernan
Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study.
Fri.: 12 noon - Senior Fun Day.
Sunday, April 27: 8 & 10 am - Worship.
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.
Wed: 6 pm - SWAG Youth Group.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
8 South Fourth Street
Winneconne
Pastor Ben Berger
Pastor Darin Warnecke
920-582-7772
Thurs.: 9:30 am - Bible Study.
Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship.
Sunday, April 27: 8 am- Worship.
9:10 am - Congregational Forum & Quarterly Voters Mtg. 10 am - Wor-

ship w/Confirmation.
Mon.: Contemporary Music Practice.
Tues.: 8:30 am - Quilters.
Wed.: 6:30 pm- Catechism Study.
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, WELS
8630 County Road MM
Larsen
Pastor Paul Ibisch
920-878-3001
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First Presbyterian Church
32 S. Third Avenue
Winneconne
920-706-0047
Pastor Emily Lueder
Sunday, April 27: 8:30 am - Sunday Services. Services are livestreamed on Facebook/recordings uploaded to YouTube.

Bible Baptist Church
At First Presbyterian Church
32 S. Third Avenue
Winneconne
Pastor Robert Hatch
920-582-7100
Sundays: 10:45 am - Sunday School.
12 pm - Worship.

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920-875-0755
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Sundays: 9 am - Regular Sunday Worship, with Fellowship to Follow
Wednesday Prime Service
Wednesday Bible Study

AA and Al-Anon
St. Mary Church Basement
Thurs.: 7 pm - Al-Anon.
Please refer to the district website

for available AA meetings in our area.

Calendar

Thursday, April 24: 9 am- Golf @ Riverdale CC. 4 pm - MS Track Relays/Home. 4:45 pm - Baseball, Home/Berlin.
Friday, April 25: JV Golf @ Waushara Cty. 4:30 pm - Baseball @ Omro.
Saturday, April 26: High School Prom. 8 am - Golf Varsity Invite.
Sunday, April 27: Worship at the Church of Your Choice. 1 pm - HS Polka Band Performance/WCAC.
Monday, April 28: 8 am- JV Golf @ Hon E Kor GC. 4:30 pm- JV/V Softball, Home/Wautoma. 5 pm - Friends of the

Library Annual Mtg./Municipal Ctr./Community Welcome.
Tuesday, April 29: 4 pm - Track Quad/Home. 4:30 pm - Varsity Baseball, Home/Shiocton. 4:45 pm - Varsity Soccer, Home/Berlin 4:45 pm - JV/V Softball @ Kewaskum.
Wednesday, April 30: The News is out! Subscribe today at winneconnenews.com. 1 pm - Mahjong group/Public Library. Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony/WCAC.

Lunch Menus

April 28-May 2
Advocac Lunch Menu
Mon.: BBQ rib sandwich, sweet potato, baked beans, diced pears.
Tues.: FROZEN: Chicken cordon bleu casserole w/pasta, lettuce salad, green beans, hot apple bake.
Wed.: Cheeseburger, herb roasted potatoes, diced beets, fresh orange.
Thurs.: FROZEN. Turkey ala-king, brown rice, glazed carrots, tropical fruit.
Fri.: Breaded fish sandwich, tater tots, coleslaw, fruit cup.

Winneconne Community School District
ES: Along with main entrée and rotating vegetables, garden bar, assorted fruit, PB&J pocket, chef salad, and milk are offered daily.

MS: Along with main entrée, chef salad, rotating salad, fruit bowl, PB&J pocket, turkey (or ham) and cheese sandwich, snacks, garden bar, assorted fruit and milk are offered daily.
Mon.: **ES:** Sausage pizza, breadstick, fruit. **MS:** Mini pancakes, sausage patty, babycakes.
Tues.: **ES:** Ravioli, green beans, goldfish crackers. **MS:** French bread pizza, winter blend veggies.
Wed.: **ES:** Hamburger, tri-taters, fruit. **MS:** Rice bowl, broccoli, assorted grains.
Thurs.: **ES:** Chicken nuggets, buttered pasta, mixed veggies. **MS:** Grilled chicken/bun, tri-taters, roasted veggies.
Fri.: **ES:** Fish sticks, broccoli/cheese sauce, rice pilaf. **MS:** Mini corndogs, mixed veggies, rice pilaf.

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**MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025,
5:30 PM
UPSTAIRS COMMUNITY ROOM,
30 SOUTH FIRST STREET,
WINNECONNE**

Call to Order
Meeting called to order by President Boucher at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call: Foster Kubasta Olson Bouras Janikowski Stelzner Boucher – all present.
Also present were Administrator Fuller and Attorney Chad Wade.
Pledge of Allegiance said in unison.

Regular Business
Motion by Bouras second by Kubasta to approve consent agenda and payment of bills:
January 31, 2025, Treasurer’s Report/Budget Comparisons
January 2025 Check Register
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubas-ta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Kubasta second by Olson to approve January 21, 2025, Village Board Minutes with correct spelling of Officer Austin Withem’s name on page 1
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Communications
None

Public Participation
Resident at 110 N. 2nd St. had questions regarding the payment of energy bills in December.

Administrator’s Report
Business update
• Developers’ agreements for the industrial park are being signed and we still look to be on track to close on the land in March.
• I have meetings with housing devel-opers tomorrow morning to discuss mix use (homes starting around \$275,000)
• We have an interested party in the waterfront land across from the village hall, meetings to follow this week
• Dan Van Dommel on future land use plans
• Interested party in the waterfront land offering, meetings will take place in the next couple of weeks to discuss future use etc.

Meetings/Key events
• In support of the County IDB I will be meeting with leaders of Plexus, Oshkosh Corp, Georgia Pacific, & Kimberly Clark
• Next week meeting with John Matz County executive candidate
• Next week meeting with Gordon Hintz County exec candidate
• 12th of Feb we had the first listen-ing session with Sen Pat Testin & Rachel
• Senator Rachel Cabral Guevara has another listening session on the 4th of March held in the board room
• I have meetings with housing devel-opers tomorrow morning to discuss mix use (homes starting around \$275,000-\$320,000)

Operations
• Met with the other municipalities related to EMS. Once we have an IGA we will provide that to our legal team for review.

Finance
• Audit is underway, Mike doing a great job
• Doing a full wage & comp study

Committee Reports
Beautification – didn’t meet, bridge lighting is paid for and approved for July 4 start.
Cemetery – met, will bring final fee schedule to Board next month for final approval.
Fire District – Chicken Fun Night was success, passed State auditor inspection, request from Racine independent film company to use Peter Pirsch truck in movie about Racine Fire Department History, reported year to date stats 59 calls including 36 med calls, 4 structure fires, 9 ice rescues – 5 on Poygan/4 on Winnebago.
Historic Preservation – Committee would like celebration of cemetery marker on Saturday, May 10, 2025 and would appreciate presence of Board members. Goal was to raise \$5,000 for marker and are just \$475 short.
Library – Annual report is done and waiting for approval, received \$2,500 donation from Men’s Club bringing total for summer reading program to \$11,000, changing summer reading program hours to afternoons and Winneconne School District will bus kids to library after summer school in order to participate in both school and library programs.
Parks – Final bids for Barn reno-vations coming this week, Marble Park fundraising phase 1 going well, new grant program opportunities to provide different activities, entered in drawing for playground structure.
Personnel & Finance - discussed Marble Park master plan; ambulance intergovernmental agreement, still looking at policy manual and comp payouts.
Plan Commission – met, items are on agenda, also community member position open on Plan Commission if interested.
Public Safety - looking at better plan for 9th and Main Street afterschool traffic, pursuing flashing lights for school zones to increase safety, presentation by Jeremiah Wincher from Lake Winnebago Area Meg Unit on drug trafficking and trends within Winneconne and surrounding areas.
Public Works – PW meeting at garage for open house, request for bid requests for 2025 road projects on 6th Ave rebuild and Adams St. resurfacing between 2nd and 3rd Sts. posted, hope for April start, received grant of \$10,000 for replacing current fluorescent lights with LED lights at Village Hall, boiler leak and inspec-tion, lift station event.

Old Business
None

New Business
Motion by Foster second by Olson to approve CSM NO 7320 requested by the property owners Chad Longworth and Meghan Brehmer
Taking some footage from one parcel to add to adjoining parcel, still two conforming parcels.
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubas-ta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Foster second by Bouras to approve the rezoning of parcel 19100351 from R-1A single family to I General Industrial for the develop-

ment of multiple business facilities Rezoned for development.
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubas-ta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Foster second by Janikow-ski to table the approval the 2025 Personnel Policy Manual as updated with the effective implementation date of 1 January 2025. Board would like final clean copy to review instead of updated redlines copy.
Motion to table passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Olson second by Jani-kowski to table an increase to the non-resident annual boat launch trailer parking fee from \$40 to \$50 annually upon Board approval. Send back to Parks Committee for more discussion
Motion to table passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Kubasta to present a letter of appreciation to Beez Electric. Beez Electric assisted Public Works to troubleshoot and resolve an electrical issue at the lift station in the middle of the night allowing waste to transfer to the plant appropriately. Also raised awareness of continuing maintenance needed.
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Motion by Bouras second by Olson to raise the commercial user fee at the compost site from \$200 to \$1,000 to cover the amount of hours it takes to move the grass/yard waste generat-ed by the commercial users.
Many DPW hours spent moving loads of grass/yard waste.
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubas-ta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Foster second by Olson to approve a Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage (Beer) License for Jeff Mueller dba Mueller’s Ice Cream and Grill at 115 W. Main St. Open-ing planned in March, pro-rated fee through June 30, 2025
Motion passes by roll call vote: Janikowski-aye, Foster-aye, Kubas-ta-aye, Olson-aye, Bouras-aye, Stelzner-aye, Boucher-aye 7-0-0

Motion by Kubasta second by Olson to approve an operator license for the following:
Karin L Markert – American Legion
Daniel S Boehnlein – American Legion
Jeff Mueller – Mueller’s Ice Cream and Grill
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0

Confirm next meeting:
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 5:30 pm, Village Hall Board Room

Adjourn
Motion to adjourn by Kubasta second by Foster
Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm
Motion passes by voice vote 7-0-0
Clerk Wasinger

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WINNECONNE HIGH SCHOOL- LARGE GROUP LECTURE**

**100 WOLF RUN WINNECONNE WI 54986
MARCH17, 2025 – 6:30PM**

Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance
Board President, Donna Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Member Roll Call

Board Member Present: Jaci Stelzner, Jill Verich, Meghan Keller, Dean Ackmann, Mark Kunde, Donna Hanson Absent: Earl Peterson

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum
District Administrator, Peggy Larson, High School Principal, Leah Michaud, High School Assistant Principal, Dan Dobner, Middle School Assistant Principal, Carly Horvath, Elementary Principal, Lisa Hughes, Assistant Elementary Principal, Mike Meunier, Pupil Services Director, Laurin Dodd, Assistant Technology Director, Mike Nielsen, Buildings and Grounds Director, Steve Cady

VISITORS: (See Visitor List on file)

OPEN FORUM- Community Residents voiced their concern about DPI Investigation, Flags placed in school buildings, Pledge of Allegiance both at start of school day, and board meetings, WIAA Sports Policy, Assessment Scores, indoctrination, and school board history

OPEN SESSION

5.consent items:
A. Approve Minutes from March 17, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting
B. District Checks #10016280 to #10016328 in the Amount of \$65,611.07
C. Student Activity Checks #915600 to # 915608 in the Amount of \$8,433.82
D. District ACH Payments \$221,226.51
E. SA ACH Payments \$1,812.50
F. Acknowledge \$300 donation to WCSD Band Program in memorial of Dan Pontow
G. Acknowledge \$20 donation from Winneconne Community Edu. Assn. to Fishing Club
H. Acknowledge 3 engines and 3 generators donation to HS Students from Generac Power Systems
I. Approve Head Varsity Volleyball Coach effective 8/18/2025 (Pending HR Protocol)

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Keller to pull out Consent Agenda Item A, and approve Consent Item B-I
Roll Call: Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

Motion made by Kunde, second by Verich to approve consent agenda item A
Roll Call: Verich-Aye Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Hanson-Abstain
Motion approved: 5-0-1 (Hanson Abstention)

6. High S.A.I.L. (School Administrators Institute for Transformational Leadership) Team

The S.A.I.L Team gave a presentation of the team goals, staff feedback, Sail Celebrations, areas of focus, and Student and Staff Growth.

7.PCD Data (Cell Phone data) Review
PCD (Personal Cell Phone) data was reviewed from each grade level campus, the suggestion from the board is to bring back the PCD Policy for review at one of the July Regular Board Meetings.

8. Policies
The Policy Committee met and reviewed all the policies and recommendation is for approval.

Policy # 5113- Open Enrollment
Policy # 5512- Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students
Policy # 6231- Budget Implementation
Policy # 6235- Fund Balance
Policy # 7410- Maintenance
Policy # 7430- Safety Standards
Policy # 7440- Faculty Security

Motion made by Verich, seconded by Ackmann to approve the Policies as presented
Roll Call: Keller-Aye, Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

9. Administration Reports- (See updated reports on file)

10. Board Reports

A. Communications- None

B. Committee Reports:
1. HR/Financial Planning- Nothing at this time
2. PR/marketing- Nothing at this time
3. Policy- Policies will be on April 7th agenda, the committee will be meeting at 5:30 pm in the High School Library prior to the regular meeting.

Executive Session
Motion made by Keller, second by Stelzner to move into Executive Session under 19.85 to approve Executive Session Minuets from March 03, 2025. Pursuant to Wis. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss employee retention, including confidential data related to employment matters, performance, and strategies for improving retention within the district. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: Ackmann-Aye, Kunde-Aye, Stelzner-Aye, Verich-Aye, Keller-Aye, Hanson-Aye
Motion approved: 6-0

Open Session

The Board of Education moved back into the open session at 7:45 pm

Motion made by Keller, second by Hanson to adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education
Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Board Clerk
7:50 pm

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The Weekly Whisk



Sweet Chili Chicken and Brussels Sprouts

Whether it’s a meal or a meal prep for the week, this recipe is so good. The heat from the chili sauce and the tender pieces of chicken mix perfectly with the crispy brussels sprouts. If you prefer to use chicken thighs, go right ahead. And if you only have frozen brussels sprouts, just be sure to thaw them first and pat them dry. Serve over rice, quinoa or a simple salad.

For questions or comments email weeklywhisk01@gmail.com

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 cups Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- salt and pepper to taste

Preheat the air fryer to 375°F. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, soy sauce, sweet chili sauce, rice vinegar, garlic powder, ground ginger, and honey. Set aside.

Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper, then lightly coat them with olive oil. In a separate bowl, toss the Brussels sprouts with olive oil, salt, and pepper until evenly coated. This helps them become crispy and caramelized in the air fryer.

Place the chicken breasts in the air fryer basket and arrange the Brussels sprouts around them in a single layer. Cook for 12–15 minutes, flipping the chicken halfway through, until the internal temperature reaches 165°F.

Once cooked, slice the chicken and toss it with the sweet chili sauce mixture, along with the Brussels sprouts. Serve over rice, quinoa, or a fresh salad.

Creative writing thriving at WHS



Submitted
Left to right, back row: Aurora Braley, Serena Scott, Kate Robison, Lila Newton, Lauren Otto, Vanessa Castle, Camryn Becker, Mrs. Lisa Olson (advisor), Tobi Fischer. Front row: Emery Brehmer, Adèle Brill, Damien Reinders, Isabelle Bonilla. Not pictured: Leah Hernandez.

Winneconne High School recently recognized this outstanding group of freshmen through senior students whose creative writing pieces were selected for publication in the ECC Conference magazine, Perspectives.

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